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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT : Chen *et al.* CONFIRMATION No.: 1559  
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/580,546 EXAMINER : Harle, Jennifer I.  
FILING DATE : May 30, 2000 ART UNIT : 3627  
FOR : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REDUCING EXCESS CAPACITY FOR RESTAURANTS  
AND OTHER INDUSTRIES DURING OFF-PEAK OR OTHER TIMES

**Mail Stop Fee Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 21, 2003, Applicants submit the following  
Reply.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required  
beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper.  
However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this  
application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a),  
and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to  
be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 23632-003).